### Redefining Quality to Create Win-Win Incentive Programs

Partnering to Promote Quality Sacramento Convention Center March 7, 2007

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### What is needed



Community
Resources and Policies

Health System/Plan
Organization of Health Care

Self-Management Support Delivery Decision System Support Design Clinical Information Systems

Plan's Job

Informed Activated Patient

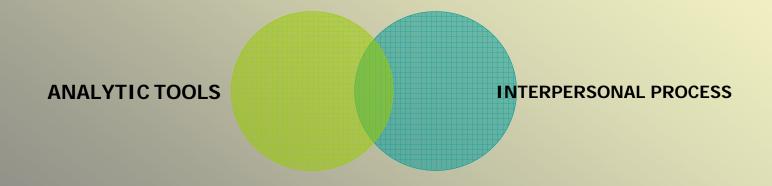
Productive Interactions RIPA's Job

Prepared, Proactive Practice Team

Wagner, E, Group Health



### "Rochester Rewards Results"





### The Win - Lose Cycle

Payers Plans



Partnership to reduce costs



Physicians, hospitals seek loopholes, alternatives



Providers withhold innovations, ideas. They spend time imagining how to beat the system



No feedback loop. Costs dip then escalate

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### The Partnership Cycle

Partnership between Plan, Physicians, Hospitals Gain Sharing

**Payers** 





Physicians buy in, Hospitals buy in



Physician and Hospital are active participants



Increased Value, Continued Savings

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## Employ a respectful process to introduce measures



### Employing a respectful process

- Engage practitioners in creating and reporting measures from the start
- Only choose measures that make clinical sense
- Make measurement specs available
- Choose realistic targets
- Deliver understandable reports



### Employing a respectful process

- Roll out the measures over a year
- Provide actionable, nonjudgmental feedback
- Don't assume outliers are poor performers
- Incorporate an appeal process to the P4P payment program



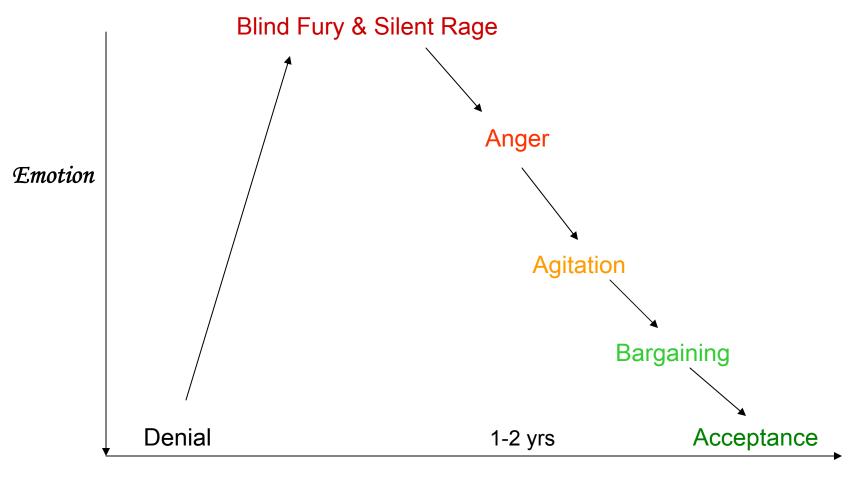
Manage the predictable stages of change

Denial→ Anger→ Bargaining→ Acceptance

(Kubler-Ross. Death: The final stage of growth. 1975)



### The Stages of Change - PFP



H Beckman, MD, AJMQ, 2006

Time



Present Data/Results - Clearly



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#### Care Pathway results and suggestions

| Chronic Care<br>Adherence | Your<br>Rate | Specialty<br>Average | Target<br>Rate | Largest Opportunities<br>for Improvement                          |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| Diabetes                  | 0.85         | 0.68                 | 0.85           | Great Job! Your adherence rate is at or above our goal of .85     |
| Asthma                    | 0.55         | 0.39                 | 0.85           | E & M Visits Too few patients to include in Value of Care scoring |

| Acute Care<br>Adherence | Your<br>Rate | Specialty<br>Average | Target<br>Rate | Comments  |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| Sinusitis               | N/A          | 0.68                 | 0.75           | Too few episodes to include in Value of Care scoring          |
| Otitis Media            | 0.79         | 0.63                 | 0.75           | Great Job! Your adherence rate is at or above our goal of .75 |

#### Value of Care Plan Performance

| VCP Component                                   | Your<br>Results | Specialty<br>Average | Your<br>Score | VCP<br>Weight | Comments   |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Chronic Care Pathways                           |                 |                      | 4.0           | 20%           |  |
| Acute Care Pathways                             |                 |                      | 4.0           | 15%           |  |
| Mammography Rate                                | 64.3            | 75.2                 | 2.0           | 5%            | Too few patients to determine score,<br>specialty average will be used |
| Patient Satisfaction Survey 100.0               |                 | 92.7                 | 4.0           | 20%           | See your Patient Satisfaction Survey<br>Results                        |
| Age - Sex Adjusted<br>Weighted Efficiency Index | 0.95            | 1.01                 | 3.8           | 40%           | See Efficiency Index Analysis Sheet                                    |

Your responsible efficiency index is 1.05 and your total efficiency index is 0.92. Your efficiency indexes are adjusted for your case mix and for the age-sex distribution for your patients.



Provide actionable data



### RIPA Action Items

- Specifics on Executive Summary
- Care pathway sub scores
- Chronic care pathways with registries
- Additional analyses on request
- Practice visits by trained staff with data
- Respectful, non-judgmental approach

JOHN DOE MD (CCP000000000) INTERNAL MEDICINE (11) February 2004



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|---------------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------|---|--|
| Diabetes                  |                            |      | 0.85           | Dilated Eye Exam<br>Influenza Vaccination |  |
| Asthma                    | 0.40                       | 0.43 | 0.85           | E & M Visits Yearly Comprehensive Review  |  |

| Acute Care<br>Adherence | Your<br>Rate | Specialty<br>Average | Target<br>Rate | Comments  |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| Sinusitis               | 0.41         | 0.65                 | 0.75           | Don't skip First Line Antibiotics<br>Use fewer Less Effective Abx                 |
| Otitis Media 0.57       |              | 0.63                 | 0.75           | Use fewer Less Effective Abx Too few episodes to include in Value of Care scoring |

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|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| Chronic Care Pathways                           |                 |                      | 2.8           | 20%           |   |
| Acute Care Pa                                   | athways         |                      | 2.1           | 15%           |   |
| Mammography Rate                                | 69.4            | 79.8                 | 0.0           | 5%            |   |
| Patient Satisfaction Survey                     | 97.6            | 94.4                 | 4.0           | 20%           | See your Patient Satisfaction Survey<br>Results |
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## Internal Medicine Sample Profile

Care Pathway results and suggestions

| Chronic Care | Your | Specialty | Target |  |
|--------------|------|-----------|--------|--|
| Adherence    | Rate | Average   | Rate   |  |
| Diabetes     | 0.83 | 0.68      | 0.85   |  |

#### Specific Action Items Up Front:

#### Largest Opportunities for Improvement

Dilated Eye Exam Influenza Vaccination

| Your<br>Score |
|---------------|
| 2.8           |
| 2.1           |
| 0.0           |
| 4.0           |

3.8

February profile scores determine PFP payment (see next slide)

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## Actionable data: Patient registries for all 3 chronic diseases in every PCP profile

(Actual profiles have patient names here)

Y HbA to 02/13/2004
HbA to 08/21/2004
LDL 08/21/2004
Eye Exam
Influenza vaccine
UA or Microsibumin

Here is a patient who needs an eye exam and an influenza vaccination.

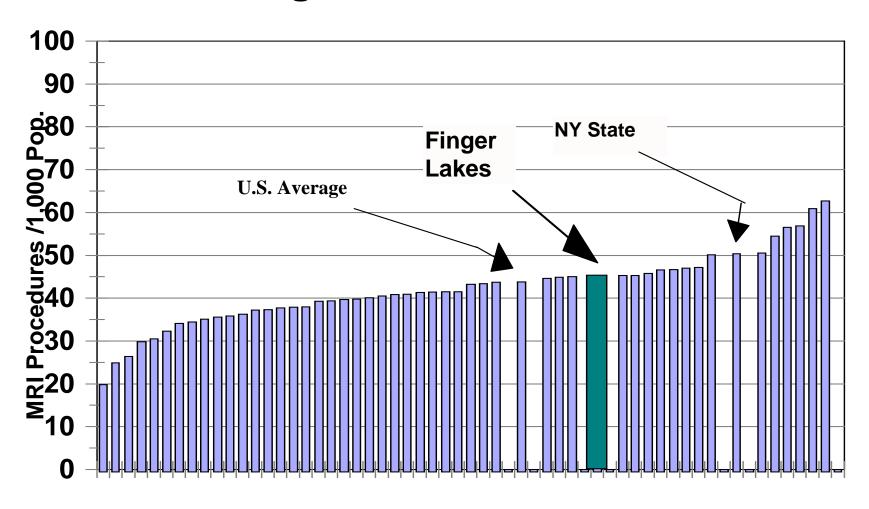
Registries are disease management tools that **empower** practitioners.



### Getting to Value

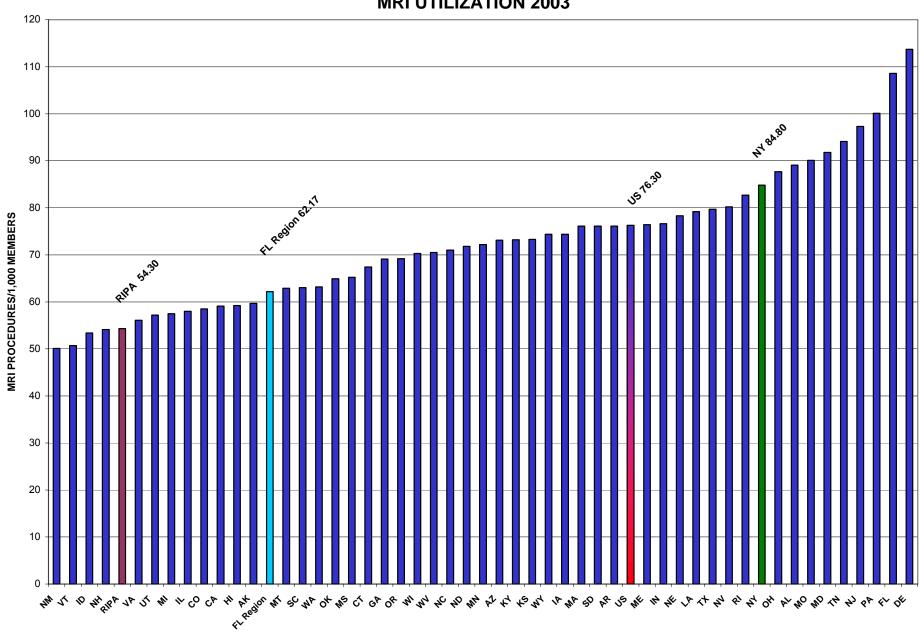
RESULTS

## 1998-99 MRI Utilization Finger Lakes and U.S. States





#### **MRI UTILIZATION 2003**





### **Return on Investment**

- Actuarial Rolling Trend Analysis For DM
- Baseline 2001/2002, Intervention 2003/2004
- CAD Provided Additional \$2.9 million in 2004\*
  - \* Curtin, Beckman et al. J Healthcare Mgt, 2006

| Profile ROI             | 2003      | 2004       |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Annual Savings on Trend | 1,894,471 | 5,869,515* |
| Annual Cost             | 1,148,597 | 1,148,597  |
| ROI                     | 1.5:1     | 5:1        |



- Defining the Job:
  - Practitioners want increased quality Payers/plans want increased value
- Result: Conflict in measure selection and program design



Value and quality paradigms are in conflict because...

Quality is largely defined as reducing underuse (Ex. Increasing mammogram, colon screening, immunization rates or statin use after MI



- Value incorporates cost into the equation
- For practitioners, cost reduction means withholding treatments from patients and reducing their income
- Result: The quality/cost dichotomy fails



- Goal: Create win-win measures which motivate employers/plans/practitioners and patients to improve value
- Discard cost/quality Cost without quality won't work for practitioners and patients
- Solution : Promote reduction of underuse, overuse and misuse



A sample balanced portfolio of measures

 Underuse – Colon cancer and breast cancer screening, HbA1c and LDL testing, flu shots and retinal exams for diabetics



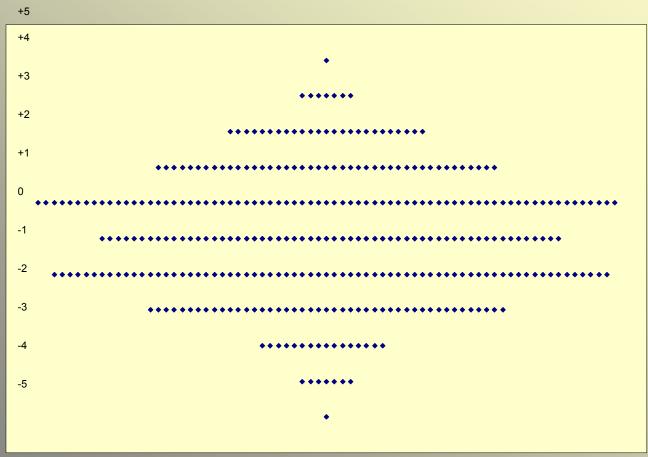
- Misuse ARB/ACEI rate for hypertension, PCP use of extremity MR, Hospital admission for DVT, CCB/HCTZ-β blocker rate for hypertension, nuclear cardiology exercise testing, macrolide use for sinusitis
- Overuse Antibiotic treatment for upper respiratory infections, 99243 consults prior to screening colonoscopy, laryngoscopy in evaluation of laryngeal GERD symptoms

## Creating a balanced portfolio of RIPA measures: The partnership model

- Advocate for a mix of underuse and overuse/misuse measures
- Reducing underuse requires initial investment (although ROI is quicker than you think, Curtin, Beckman et al. JHM, 2006)
- Reducing overuse/misuse generates savings right away
- Advocate for physicians to receive a share of the savings



## Internal Medicine and Family Practice Number of Measures A Doctor is 25% Above or 25% Below Peers In Specialty



Each point is a doctor



Results: Focusing on Unnecessary Variation



### IM and FP E&M Variation

- Take 99214 high outliers with TEI ≥ 1.0
- Bring their rate down to rest of panel to find excess 99214
- Multiply by 99214 99213 = \$32
- Savings in one year:

-IM \$225,000

-FP <u>180,000</u>

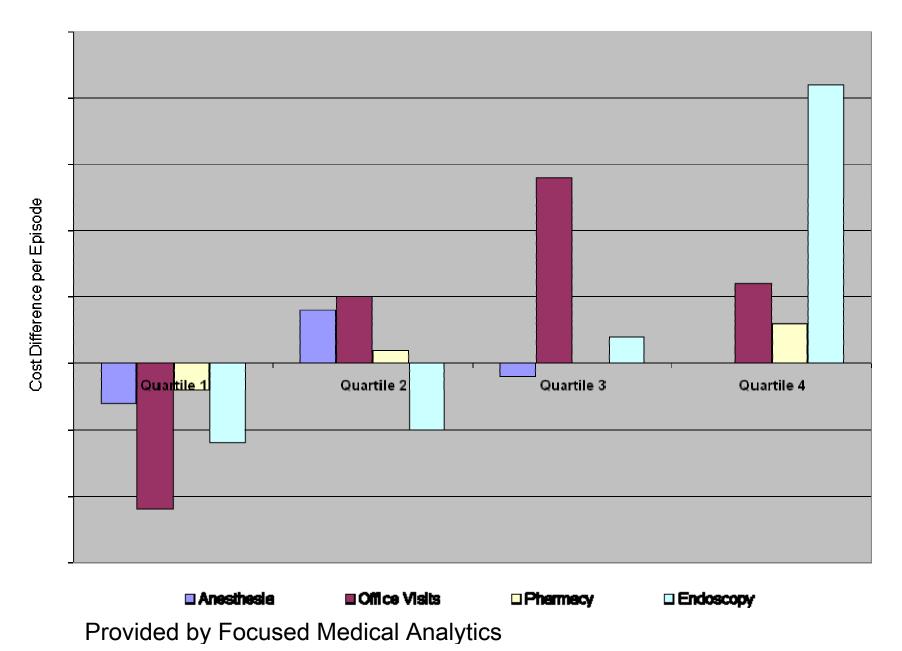
-Total: \$405,000

### Pre-intervention: 4:1 variation Stress Thaillum Cath Rates Among all patients eeen 2003 by the eight largest cardiology groups in order, lowest to highest stress thellum rates 35% 30% 25% 20% 15% 10% 5% 0% ▲ Thal Rate Thal Spec Avg Thal Low Outlier ▲ Thal High Outlier

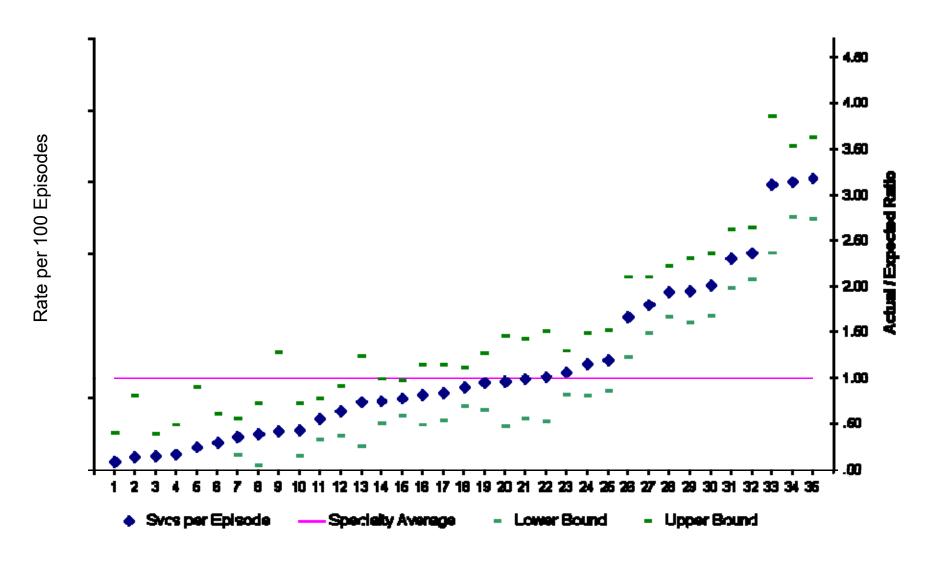
## Another Recent Specialty Project

- ENT endoscopy rate:
  - High utilization increases
  - MPPTs created; reviewed by ENT leadership
  - Decision: work on surgical nasal endoscopy, diagnostic nasal endoscopy, and fiberoptic laryngoscopy (example to follow)
  - Creation of case-mix adjusted utilization curve
  - Newsletters, mailings (specialty), mailings (high-utilizers)
  - Personal visits with high-utilizers

### Laryngoscopy in pharyngitis

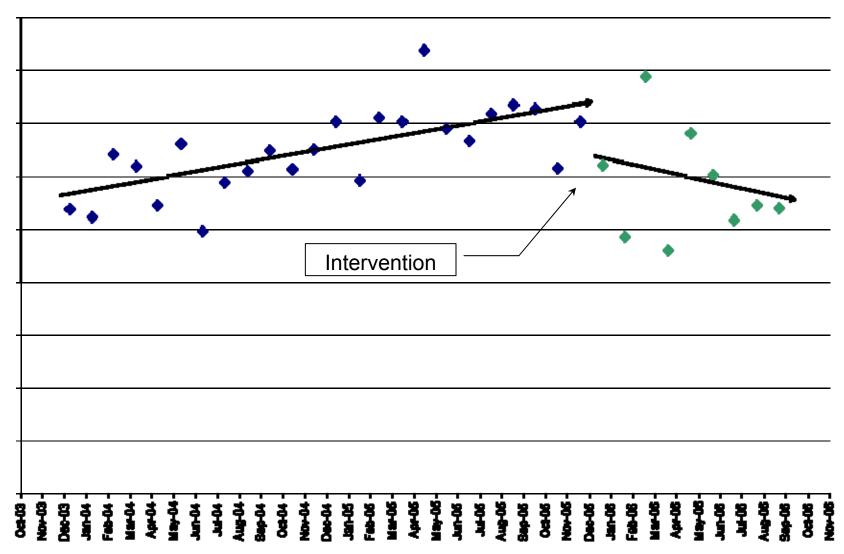


# Case Mix Adjusted Utilization Curve – Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy in ENT



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### Current Results, ENT Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy

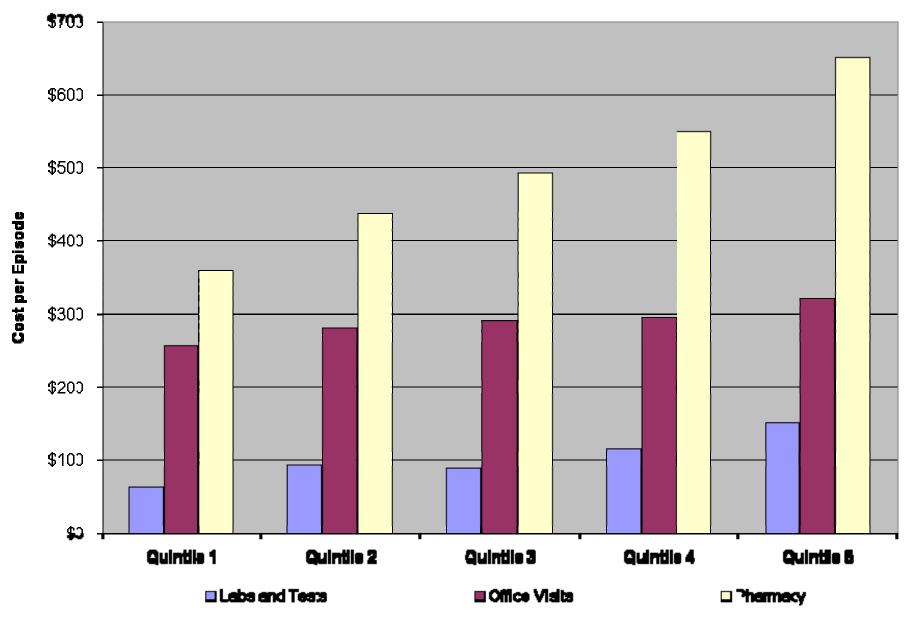


Services per thousand, paid through Sept. 2006

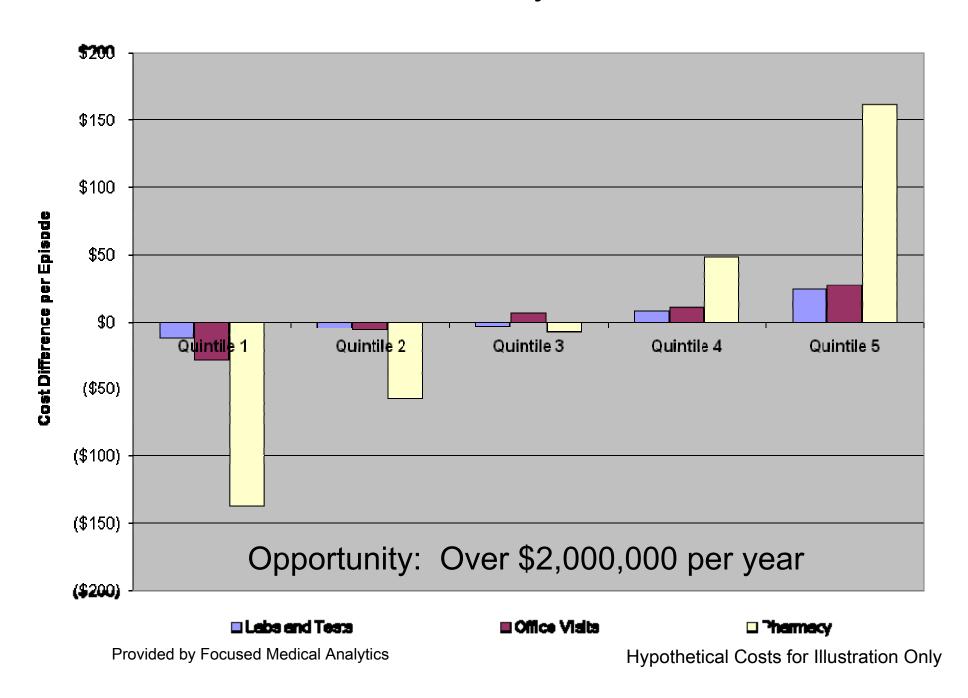
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### MPPT Analysis of Hypertension

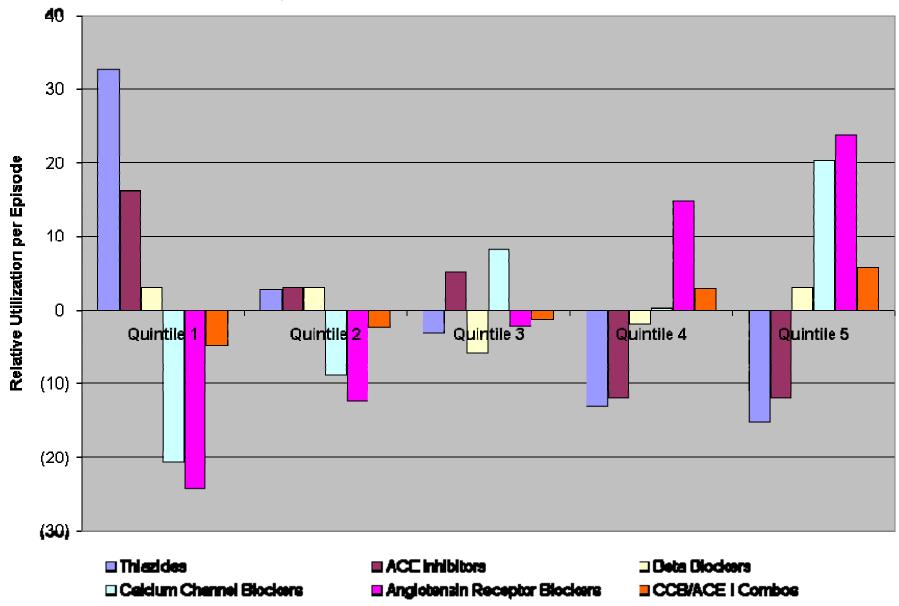
(ETG 0281, Benign HTN w/o comorbidity, among 260 internists)



### Cost Variation – All in Pharmacy



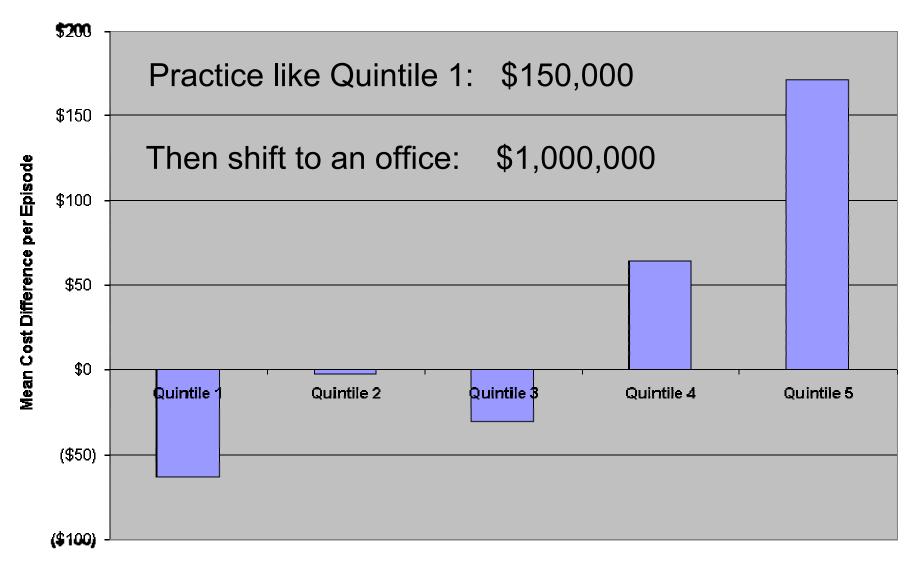
## Analysis of Pharmacy Reveals Best Practice is Quintile 1!



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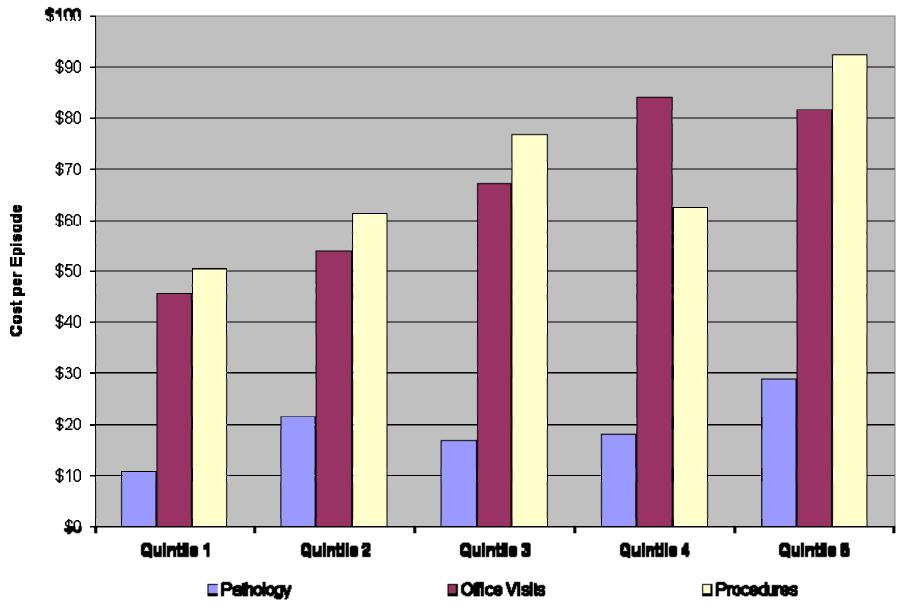
### Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Surgery:

Graph: Regional anesthetic cost per episode Savings opportunity: Use local anesthetic instead



### Removing Benign Skin Growths

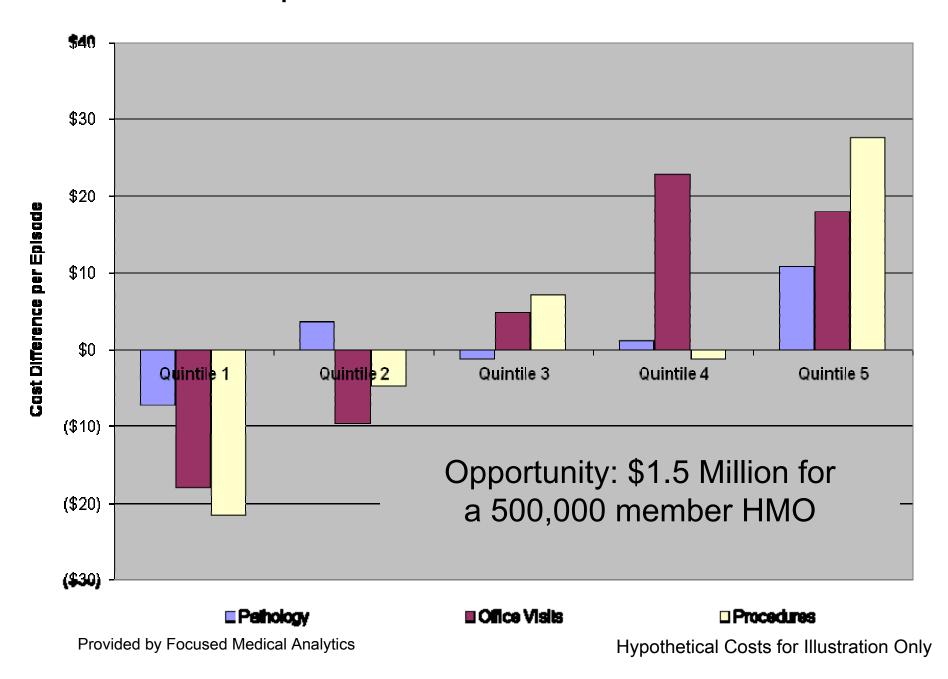
(ETG 0682 Benign Skin Neoplasms)



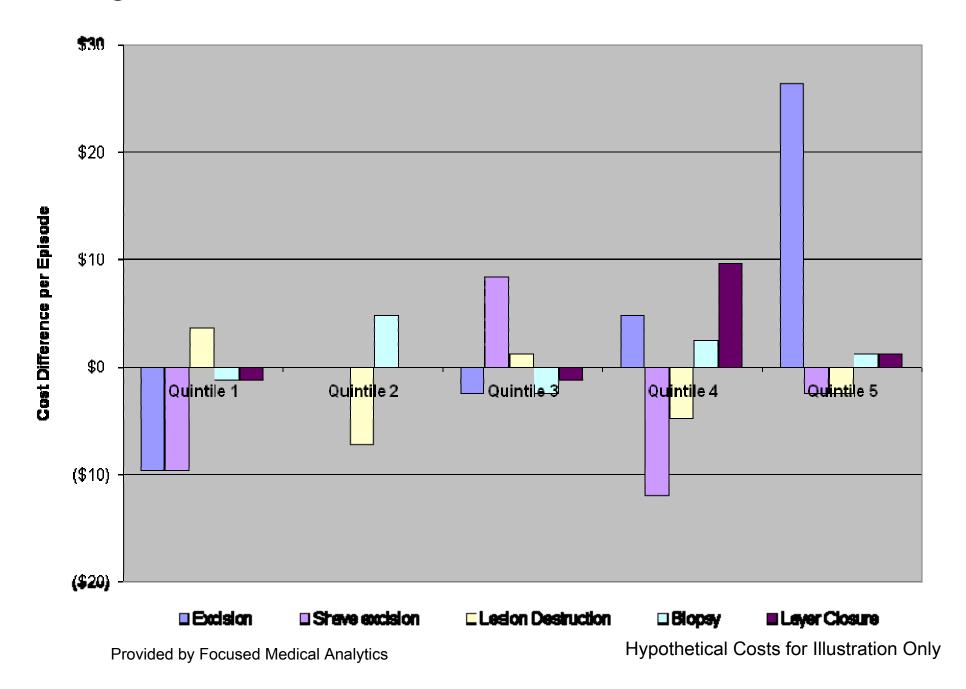
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Hypothetical Costs for Illustration Only

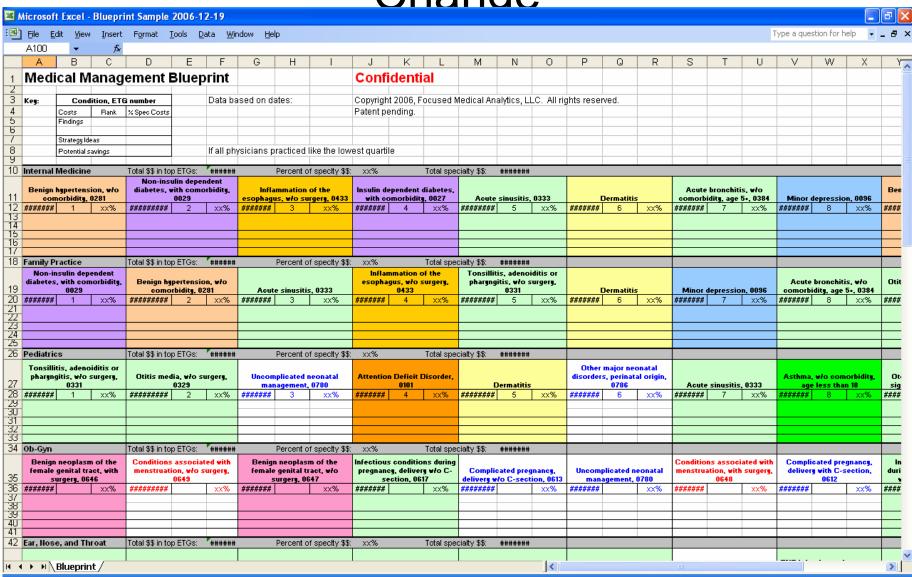
### Office visits and procedures drive costs



### Drilling Down on Procedures



## Creating a Blueprint for Change





### Conclusions

- To be most effective at controlling spiraling costs, focus on behavior, not the individual
- Create overuse and misuse measures, avoid focusing on cost
- Provide comparative data, focusing on unnecessary variation
- Deliver data in a non-judgmental fashion



## Decrease Variation, then Shift the Curve

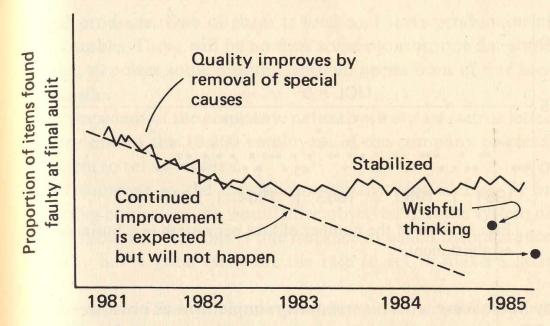


Fig. 33. Typical path of frustration. Quality improves dramatically at first; then levels off, becomes stable. The responsibility for improvement of quality shifts more and more to the management, and finally almost totally to the management, as obvious special causes are one by one detected and removed, and quality becomes stabilized, unfortunately at an unacceptable level.